

Hazardous Materials Bulletin

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The U.S. Department of Transportation, Research and Special Projects Administration (USDOT/RSPA) regulates the commercial transportation of hazardous materials. Their regulations are found at Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 49, Parts 100-180, the Federal Hazardous Materials Regulations (FHMR).

USDOT/RSPA has a very good helpline at 1-800-467-4922 and an excellent website at <http://hazmat.dot.gov>. Their web site includes the FHMR, incident statistics, phone numbers, proposed and final rulemakings, and a wealth of other information. For hazardous materials registration, call 800-942-6990.

Within USDOT, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is responsible for enforcing the FHMR as it applies to highway transportation. Their information line is 202-366-1790 and their website is: www.fmcsa.dot.gov. In addition, they have a violation hotline where you can leave a message about possible violations, at 888-368-7238.

At the state level, the Michigan State Police Motor Carrier Division is responsible for enforcing the FHMR and the FMCSR, both of which have been adopted into state law. Our headquarters general information line is 517-336-6195, and our website is: www.michigan.gov/motorcarrier. The web site has a section dedicated to hazardous materials, including a catalogue of *Hazardous Materials Bulletins*. Hazardous materials questions can be answered by contacting Sgt. Susan Fries at 517-336-6580, or any of the Hazardous Materials Investigators (see map on next page).

The Michigan Center for Truck Safety, funded by the Michigan Truck Safety Commission through a fee on commercial license plates, is also available to answer questions and provides a wide variety of truck-related training at no cost or reduced cost. They can be reached at 1-800-682-4682, or: www.truckingsafety.org.

There are a number of commercial suppliers of the FHMR, training materials, etc. The following Federal web site has a partial list of suppliers:

www.fmcsa.dot.gov/factsfigs/eta/120XDT/HowtoObtain.htm

Some other numbers that may be helpful:

Hazardous Waste Permits	(Dept. of Environmental Quality)	734-432-1256
Explosives/Fireworks Permits	(Dept. of Labor and Economic Growth)	517-322-1924
Fuel Tax Permits	(Dept. of Treasury)	517-636-4600
Oversize & Overweight Permits	(Dept. of Transportation)	517-373-2120
Spring Weight Restrictions (Frost Laws)	(Dept. of Transportation)	800-787-8960
Operating Authority	(MI Public Service Commission)	517-241-6042

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